

**FLATHEAD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MAY 1, 2012**

**CALL TO
ORDER**

A meeting of the Flathead County Board of Adjustment was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Gina Klempel, Scott Hollinger and Gary Krueger. Mark Hash and Terry Kramer had excused absences. BJ Grieve represented the Flathead County Planning & Zoning Office.

There were 2 people in the audience.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

There were no minutes to approve.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT
(not related to
agenda items)**

None.

**FLATHEAD
COUNTY SOLID
WASTE
(FPAE 12-01)**

A request by the Flathead County Solid Waste District for a zoning exemption to acquire 3 acres of land and build a solid waste container site. The size of the parcel to be created (3 acres) as well as the use of the property as a solid waste container site is contrary to the current CALURS "Upper Canyon Region" zoning for the area. The property is located at 14535 US Highway 2 East in Essex. The Flathead County Solid Waste District gave notice on 4/6/2012 to the Board of Adjustment of Flathead County that it intends to own and manage a solid waste container site. Pursuant to 76-2-402, MCA, the board shall have no power to deny the proposed use but shall act only to allow a public forum for comment on the proposed use.

STAFF REPORT

Grieve reviewed Staff Report FPAE 12-01 for the Board.

**BOARD
QUESTIONS**

None.

**APPLICANT
PRESENTATION**

Dave Prunty, Flathead County Solid Waste Director, spoke about two public meetings which had been held in the last year, other groups they had met with which included both the public and private sector. The highlights of the site included the installation of a gravel pad, a night security light, a 6' chain link fence and a five strand electric fence around the perimeter. He said Fish, Wildlife and Parks was happy with the electric fences installed at

other sites. He reviewed where they were in the process of the project, and the estimated time of opening which was by September of 2013. He reviewed three existing sites which were in Nyack, Glacier Haven Inn, and Essex and where they planned to expand and consolidate sites in the future to give the service expected to local residents.

**BOARD
QUESTIONS**

Klempel and Prunty discussed if the site was open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

None.

**BOARD
DISCUSSION**

Krueger and Grieve discussed zoning in CALURS which might allow container sites.

Klempel and Grieve discussed at length if a fence constituted a structure under CALURS.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Grieve and the board discussed the upcoming meeting dates of June 5th and July 3rd, the possibility of not having a quorum, what process needed to be followed and alternate dates.

Hollinger requested the meeting scheduled for June 5th be moved to June 12th.

The July 3rd meeting would not be rescheduled at this time.

The board was updated by Grieve on what items would be on future agendas.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:21 pm. on a motion by Krueger. The next meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 12, 2012.

Scott Hollinger, Chairman

Donna Valade, Recording Secretary

*APPROVED AS **SUBMITTED**/CORRECTED: 6 / 12 / 12*